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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Confirming report of plague in Cape Colony.

NOVEMBER 28, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to confirm my cable of the 16th instant, as per copy inclosed, intimating that plague had been officially declared to exist in interior of colony, and further to report that the outbreak of same has occurred in the district of King Williams Town about 500 miles from this port. At present the disease is not known to have infected any other parts of the colony, but I am taking the precaution of indorsing on all bills of health issued from this consulate that plague exists in the colony, and have also instructed the consular agents at Port Elizabeth and East London to do likewise.

I also inclose for your guidance copy of dispatch received from the secretary to the prime minister of the colony notifying me of the outbreak.

Respectfully,

C. H. KNIGHT,
Vice and Deputy Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

Supposed outbreak of plague at King Williams Town.

CAPE TOWN, November 14, 1900.

SIR: In accordance with the provisions of the Venice sanitary convention, 1897, I am directed by the prime minister to inform you that an outbreak of disease, which is believed by the medical experts in all probability to be the plague, has broken out among the natives residing at Izinyoka, 8 miles from King Williams Town, in this colony.

At present the disease has been confined to 7 persons, 3 of whom have died. One is convalescent, and 3 are still ill.

All necessary steps are being taken for the complete isolation of the patients and suspects, and for preventing the spread of the outbreak.

No other portion of the colony being at present known to be infected, the district of King Williams Town only is officially notified as an infected "circumscribed territory" in the colony, within the meaning of Chapter II, Heading II, of the Venice sanitary convention.

Further information on the subject will be afforded you in due course.

Respectfully,

SYDNEY COWPER,
Secretary to Prime Minister.

C. H. KNIGHT, Esq.,

Vice-Consul and Deputy Consul-General for the United States of America, Cape Town.

NOVEMBER 16, 1900.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE, *Washington:*

Officially declared plague exists interior colony.

KNIGHT.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Plague in Petropolis.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, November 26, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official sanitary report for the fortnight November 1 to 15 inclusive:

There were 570 deaths from all causes, being at the rate of 38 per diem and corresponding to an annual death rate of 17.80, against 34.06 and 15.95, as compared with the foregoing period of half a month.